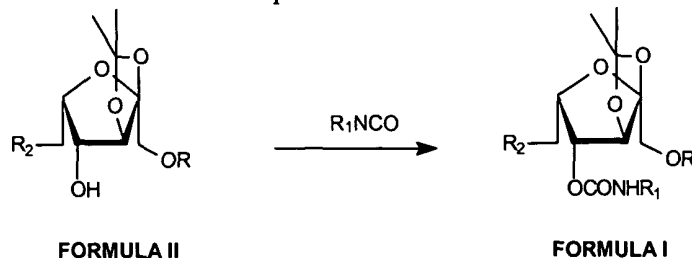


is a five-, six- or seven-membered heterocyclic ring containing one or more heteroatoms,
the process comprising by treating the compound of Formula II with a suitable isocyanate
 and in a suitable solvent at low temperature as follows:



6. (Original) A process according to claim 5, wherein



is pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl or hexamethyleneimino.

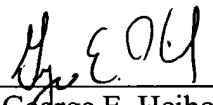
REMARKS

Claims 5 and 6 are pending. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested in order to further define the claims to be examined in this divisional application. The subject matter of the claims pending in this application corresponds to Group III (drawn to

preparation of hexulofuranose derivatives), as set forth in Paper No. 3 of the parent application (Restriction Requirement, mailed February 14, 2001). Claim 5 of the originally filed application has been rewritten to directly include the compound description found allowable in the parent case.

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